



Match Report

Opponent: University of Maryland

Date: 29 Oct 05

First Match:	Navy 32	UM	29	A Side
Second Match:	Navy 22	UM	7	B Side

Navy traveled to College Park on Saturday to take on the University of Maryland. The game started well for Navy as they took the Maryland kickoff and were quickly in Terp territory. Just nine minutes in, second-class fly half Rob Miller cut through the Maryland backs to score after multiple phases by Navy, no conversion (Navy 5 Maryland 0). Maryland responded immediately and drove into the Navy 22. The Gold shirts were soon down a man as senior fullback Eric McElvenny was carded and sin binned for punching. Navy would spend the next ten minutes constantly defending on their own goal line. They stole the ball at the line and kicked for relief once and then finally broke the Maryland siege with a 22 meter kick. The return of McElvenny did little to stem the tide though as Maryland continued to threaten and was ultimately held up by Navy in try for a 5 meter scrum. Navy stole the ball and again kicked for relief. Poor handling by the Terps' backs allowed Navy to steal the ball but then get called for obstruction in open play. The Maryland fly half then knocked through a 35 meter penalty to cut the score to 5-

3. Navy finally returned to the Maryland end of the field and earned a penalty of their own after Maryland was unable to handle the Navy lineout. Second-class wing Chase Hobby made the 7 meter kick for a Navy 8 Maryland 3 halftime score.

Hobby's luck did not carry thought to the second half as his attempt from 35 meters two minutes in was no good. Navy however, would score soon after through Miller. Senior co-captain and 8 man Jake Womble took the ball off the scrum and tore through the midfield. After going 30 meters, he fed senior flanker Eugene Paul who fed senior scrum half Mac Marrone. Miller simply had to stride in for his second try and a 15-3 lead, Hobby made the conversion. Navy continued to make the sloped field appear to be even worse with constant pressure. Second-class lock Blake Lindsay was next to score off a fed from second-class scrum half Graham Cleveland, no conversion (Navy 20 Maryland 3). The Terps would answer back within three minutes to make the deficit 10, conversion good. Navy was forced to remove Cleveland soon after

as the scrumhalf received a solid knock to the chin; plebe Kevin Dewey substituted for him. Navy's next score was the result of more strong play from the Navy pack, Hobby converted (Navy 27 Maryland 10). McElvenny would put the last try in to make the final score Navy 32 Maryland 10.

The second match started as the first one had with a Maryland kick. However, this time it was Maryland who scored first as their wing recovered a bouncing kick from the fly half. The conversion was good and the Terps' were up by seven. It took Navy only six minutes to answer. Senior wing Michael Quin got the ball on the short side of field and dove in for the try, no conversion (Navy 5 Maryland 7). The play of the game would lead to Navy's

second try. Third-class prop David Allen applied pressure to the fly half and when he dropped the ball, Allen kicked it down the field and chased it. A favorable bounce landed the ball in Allen's hands and he scored under the posts, Quin converted (Navy 12 Maryland 7).

The second half saw Navy on attack the whole time. The Maryland defense would stand tall though and only allow two tries. The first was scored by third-class Jake Damon who pounded the ball in after Navy held phase play deep in Terrapin territory, no conversion (Navy 17 Maryland 7). The last try went to Dewey who benefited from swift backs play to score around the Maryland left flank, no conversion (Navy 22 Maryland 10).

Navy Scoring Stats:

A Side

Trys

Lindsay
McElvenny
Miller x2

Penalties

Hobby

Conversions made

Hobby x2

Conversions missed

Hobby x3

Cards

MacElvenny

B Side

Trys

Allen
Damon
Dewey
Quin

Penalties

None

Conversions made

Quin

Conversions missed

Quin
Young x2

Cards

None

